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IRAN

Ayatollah Khomeini plans to announce the formation of a provisional government headed by Liberation Movement of Iran leader Mehdi Bazargan [redacted]

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[redacted] Khomeini expects that this Islamic government will secure overwhelming popular support and will soon demonstrate that it alone can rule Iran--and thus force Prime Minister Bakhtiar to resign.

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[redacted] talks are under way to persuade Bakhtiar and the military to accept this formula.

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Khomeini apparently views the negotiations between the Liberation Movement and the government as easing the transition to his own government. He would like Bakhtiar to acquiesce to the establishment of an Islamic republic. Khomeini [redacted]

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[redacted] will not accept any power-sharing compromise with Bakhtiar and will not compromise on his demand that the monarchy be abolished.

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Khomeini hopes that his provisional government, once named, can soon hold a referendum to endorse the end of the monarchy. Khomeini's choice for Interior Minister, former Rear Admiral Ahmad Madani, will try to begin preparations for the referendum, [redacted]

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If the generals are assured that the military's prerogatives will be protected in Khomeini's Islamic republic they may be willing to go along. If they conclude that the interests of the military are threatened,

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however, they will probably resist Khomeini's efforts. The military most likely will seek to act defensively and move only when Khomeini actually tries to take power. [redacted]

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Khomeini apparently calculates that his threat to wage a holy war against the military will deter it from moving against the provisional government. [redacted]

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The political maneuvering may well drag on for some time. Khomeini has already postponed naming his provisional government once. The risk of a violent showdown if one side or the other moves precipitately or miscalculates remains high, however. [redacted]

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#### OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

##### Iran

The Tehran Journal today quotes informed sources as saying that Ayatollah Khomeini will name a provisional government (see the Situation Report on Iran) at a press conference scheduled for 0830 EST. [redacted]

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##### Iran

Tehran radio, in an English-language broadcast to Europe, today announced that all Iranian banks will be open three days a week. [redacted]

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COMMENT: *Bank employees had gone out on strike last Tuesday to protest the shooting of demonstrators by security forces.* [redacted]

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##### Pakistan

The US Embassy in Islamabad reported yesterday that "hundreds" of members of the Pakistan People's Party of former Prime Minister Bhutto were rounded up over the weekend and that the government postponed the ministerial-level Islamic conference on industrialization scheduled to open in Lahore on 18 February. The Embassy believes that the Supreme Court is about to announce its verdict on Bhutto's appeal of his death sentence on a murder conviction and that the potential public reaction to a verdict was a factor in delaying the Islamic conference. It also notes a preponderance of purportedly authoritative reports that the Supreme Court will uphold both the conviction and the death sentence. [redacted]

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North Korea - South Korea

Pyongyang, acting again through its Fatherland Front, today issued a statement rejecting Seoul's latest proposal for a meeting of the North-South Coordination Commission to discuss the prospects for reunification. The North Koreans continue to call instead for the convening of a preparatory committee for national reunification that might include opposition elements in the South. The text does request a meeting at Panmunjom on 20 February between "liaison representatives" of the two sides. [redacted]

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The US Embassy in Seoul comments that Pyongyang's willingness to meet with South Korean authorities is a cautiously positive step. At the same time, however, the Embassy notes that the idea of a preparatory committee is unacceptable to Seoul as a venue for serious discussions. Nonetheless, the Embassy is impressed with the "speed and dexterity" of the North Korean move. [redacted]

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Japan-USSR

According to press reports, the Japanese Foreign Ministry has announced that Soviet Ambassador Polyansky today rejected its protest over the alleged military buildup by the USSR in the disputed Northern Territories. The reports state that the Japanese also have protested, in Moscow, the announcement by the Soviets that beginning today they would conduct a week of bombing practice off the largest island in the territories. [redacted]

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COMMENT: The protests follow last week's Japanese press attention to the alleged buildup. [redacted]

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